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At The State Fair.

Governor's Day at the State Fair was marked by a great multitude of sight-seers who surged through the gates all day long and mounted the hills to the various attractions, over once grassy slopes but now rendered dead and slippery under the tramp of thousands of feet.

Below the earth track, a fine curve of smooth red earth on which an occasional jockey was trying a horse, about which hundreds of buggies and carriages were ranged whose owners were either lounging on the seats or viewing the shows.

On the hill the most pleasant thing to greet the eye is the W. C. T. U. cottage where all are welcome to a seat and may rest as long as they choose. The temperance ladies distribute literature and in the afternoons hold gospel meetings which are well attended.

The fairies created a distractingly beautiful, crying their particular wares and gathering groups of gratifying proportion. A cider mill was steadily grinding a supply of the popular beverage which was of course to be sold for the benefit of the thirsty crowd. At the door of an eating house a man in a cook's attire announced in a husky voice: "I'm not here for pleasure, but to sell you some of those frankfurters."

The exhibitions of carpets and furniture from the Newark stores were excellent. At one of the departments a young woman was endeavoring to sell a floor mop which she declared might be used to wash anything, and confidently asserted that such a present would appear even a mother-in-law.

The departments of women's work included everything in the line of ornamentation from flowers made of hair down to fine specimens of modern day embroidery on fine linens.

The art department was filled with an admiring crowd, carefully examining the china, pastel, oil and water colors, displayed in good view and whose merit was, in many cases, marked.

The exhibit of all, however, which marked the prime motive of the fair, was the agricultural one. Here the fruit, vegetables and flowers were grouped with such good effect as to occasion the delighted admiration of many beside the sun-brown farmers who gazed adoringly at the products of field and farm.

Plates of delicious looking grapes, royally checked apples and pears, gave forth odors which were distinctive of the merits of each group of fruit. Immense pumpkins and squashes, potatoes, etc., were all there for admiration, also the grains arranged in bags neatly rolled back to show the quality of the contents, and all these shown with a background of beautifully tinted foliage and accompanied by flowers of every variety. This tent was the flower of the show and the crowning glory of New Jersey.

Township Committee.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Tuesday night. George W. Ronlund of Glen Ridge appeared before the Committee in regard to the drain which runs through his property on Washington Avenue. The matter was referred to the Legal committee.

Mr. Powers reported that the people seemed to be pleased with the way the trees were being trimmed under his immediate supervision.

Mr. Fisher stated that Thomas Heaton of the Morris Canal complained about the dirt which was washed into the canal from the street crossing, and advised him of the necessity of catch basins at these points. Heaton does not object to the water but the complaints of the dirt as it interferes with navigation.

Mr. Gilbert reported that two fire alarm boxes were burst out last Saturday night and inquired why the Bellau Tractor Co. had neglected to put up guard wires as stated in their franchise.

Mr. Fisher stated that the water from Baldwin Street was washing out the macadam on Broad Street, and recommended that an iron pipe be laid to carry the water to the brook. This subject caused considerable discussion, and was finally referred to the sidewalk and gutter committee for action. Mr. Gilbert desired to have this matter referred to the legal Committee but was defeated. He also complained of the water at the Concourse in a very stormy.

At 9:40 P. M. the Committee went into executive session.

It was reported that the resignation of Dr. H. E. Richards as associate counsel of the Township had been requested and was accepted by the Committee.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office at Glen Ridge, N. J., Sept. 1, 1896

Bartlett, Mr. T. W. McHugh, Miss Maggie, Brown, Mrs. Anna, McNeil, Miss Ruth E., Lampiagh, Mr. F. Z. Watkins, Mrs. L. J.

Any person calling for the above will please

THOMAS MORITZ, Postmaster

Remaining in the Post Office at Bloomfield N. J., for the week ending, Sept. 11, 1896.

Cook, Wm. Mather, Miss Harriet

Do, I. H. Tamm, Mrs. Tamm, P. J.

Harrison, D. N. Woddy, James

Kidder, Wadsworth

FRANK G. TOWER, Postmaster

New Jersey Democratic Convention

The Democrats of New Jersey met in convention at Taylor's Opera House, Trenton, last Wednesday for the purpose of choosing Presidential electors. The Chicago platform and nominees were endorsed without a dissenting voice from any delegate. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed when Hon. Samuel Fowler called the convention to order and stated the object to be the selection of electors who "in this Democratic State will cast their votes for that fearless, honest Democratic statesman, William J. Bryan." At the convention and audience rose to their feet and cheered again and again.

Ex Congressmen Augustus J. Butler was temporary chairman and made a strong talk. He said that the "jurymen who will decide in this case are the farmers and mechanics of the country." He quoted many eminent Republicans to prove that they believed in silver, and dwelt on the utterances of Blaine, Garfield, Daniel Webster and Alexander Hamilton in this connection. Said the speaker:

"We have given lessons to the world in the science of government, and we have always maintained an American policy. We did it in 1776 and we can do it in 1896. We certainly can maintain our own monetary system. We can manufacture everything we need for our use and everything for our war. With every citizen a soldier, we can certainly protect ourselves. Gold and silver in 1896 at the ratio of 16 to 1 we coined free."

The convention cheered this sentiment, and Mr. Butler proceeded to discuss the reason for the attitude of certain gold Democrats. He referred specifically to Charles S. Fairchild, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, and the convention hissed loudly. Mr. Butler closed in a burst of oratory, in which he said that "as long as Old Glory waved the United States could not or would not coin any fifty-cent dollar."

The convention applauded unanimously, and in the hall that followed Wilbur Huntington, one of the gold Democratic delegates from Moldavia, attempted to talk for McKinley and Hobart and Palmer and Buckley, but he soon found that he was entirely out of order and out of place, and he retired.

The following extract was chosen: "Bicycle clubs are not favorably regarded by the French, judges holding in proportion to the rights of wheelmen. The following clipping from an English paper will give an idea of how severely persons are punished that violate the sanctity of the wheelmen's person. The paper says:

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